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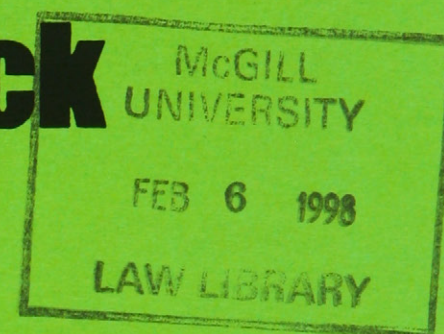
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Intramural soccer's back with a kick!



CLARE MAURO
LL B III

For the first time in recent memory, the Faculty of Law is fielding a co-rec indoor soccer team. Comprised mainly of stalwart veterans of past men's and women's indoor and outdoor teams, the team began as an experiment by soccer enthusiasts who felt that the average indoor season (5 games) was too short. However, if the first game is any indication, this experiment may have unforeseen results.

A few short minutes before game time it looked like IMMOVEABLE BY NATURE might start the season with a default. However, the men rode in like the cavalry and came ready to play. From the start it appeared that the chemistry on the field was solid, mostly due to the fact that the women strikers (Kristine DiBacco, Lanna Hollo, Stephanie Taylor, and Sara Waterton) were playing at the top of their form. In fact, two of the three goals scored against our MBA rivals

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Top Ten Cover Letter Lines That Are Bound To Lead To Unemployment:

STEVEN LEITMAN
NAT IV AND POPEMOBILE CHAUFFEUR

- 10) "When I grow up, I want to be a police officer."
- 9) "I would like to work at your firm if my top choice does not work out."
- 8) "I'm looking to give something back to the community."
- 7) "I'm hoping to work about 35 hours a week."
- 6) "My therapist says this job would be great for all four of me."
- 5) "I don't really want the job; I have to apply in order to get

- UI."
- 4) "Now that I've been readmitted to the Bar, I'm pretty sure I've learned my lesson."
- 3) "I feel my experience sitting on my butt has provided me with the skills needed to be a good lawyer."
- 2) "My areas of interest include *L.A. Law*..."
- 1) Four words: "Me want money now."

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Announcements

International law society

The International Law Society is Back! By popular demand, of course... with our first speaker on International Trade. Dr. Guy Stanley will be lecturing on , "NAFTA: Cultural Goods and Services in Int'l Trade Law", Tuesday, February 3rd at 12 in room 201. Hope to see you all there!

PS-Thanks for making our first semester so successful!
Monika and Karen

McGill Law Journal / Revue de droit de McGill

The latest issue of the *McGill Law Journal* will be distributed in the next weeks at your OASIS address. Issue 43:1 includes articles on the three languages of the common law (French, English and Latin), compelled production of medical records, corporate criminal liability, regulation of going-private transactions, as well as a special section on "L'Étranger" with a text from H.P. Glenn. There is also a book review on immigration and citizenship.

Félicitations à toute l'équipe qui a travaillé avec acharnement tout au long de l'automne. Nous tenons aussi à remercier tous les professeurs de la Faculté qui ont participé au succès de ce premier numéro de l'année.

Traffic Light Valentine Party

THE GRAD COMMITTEE

Affiche tes couleurs lors du Party de St-Valentin! If you wear green, it means you're free (go for it!), if you wear yellow, you're not sure about it (hard to get!) and if you wear red, you are not available (try anyway, you never know!).

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And there's more!

You always thought that A was perfectly suited for B? Y a-t-il des gens dans la Fac qui forment ou formeraient selon vous un couple parfait? Sortez votre flèche de votre carquois et jouez au Cupidon! A box will be left in front of the Moot Court for you to vote! The perfect couple will be announced during the party!

See you there!

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Le Quid de la Saint-Valentin

La boîte de la Saint-Valentin est sortie, prête comme à chaque année à recevoir vos messages dans le plus pur anonymat. Dépechez-vous, vous avez jusqu'au 9 février, 15h.

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Appel des candidatures / Call for applications

Stages en droits de la personne pour l'été 1998

1998 Summer human rights internships

Applications are now welcome for the 1998 Summer Human Rights Internships Programme of the Faculty of Law, McGill University. Three internships are being arranged and funded by the Faculty.

The first intern will be with the Law and Society Trust, an NGO based in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The Law and Society Trust publishes an annual report on the state of human rights in Sri Lanka and on the degree of compliance by the government with its international human rights obligations. The Trust also has several ongoing programmes dealing with, among other things, democratic rights, the status of women, and social and economic rights.

Le second stagiaire sera rattaché auprès de l'Union Interafricaine des Droits de l'Homme et du Mouvement burkinabè des droits de l'homme et des peuples à Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. L'Union interafricaine est une ONG panafricaine visant à encourager le respect pour les droits de la personne dans toutes les régions de l'Afrique. Elle dispose de quarante-deux sections dans divers pays d'Afrique, dont la mission comprend la défense des droits de la personne, la surveillance des élections, la protection de l'environnement, et la promotion du droit au développement. Les stagiaires pourront être appelés à oeuvrer tant en français qu'en anglais, dans des pays de tradition civiliste ou de common law. Le Mouvement burkinabè pour les droits de

l'homme et des peuples (membre de l'Union interafricaine), basé lui aussi à Ouagadougou, est une organisation centrée sur la défense des droits fondamentaux au Burkina Faso.

The third intern will be placed with the Human Rights Commission and Legal Aid Centre of Pakistan, in Lahore. The stage will be shared between the two organisations, according to modalities yet to be set out.

Information générale:

The internships will last at least twelve weeks in the field. Precise dates can be arranged between the intern and the NGO. Past experience has shown consistently that twelve weeks is an absolute minimum, and the NGO's are usually willing to arrange for somewhat longer internships.

Students who are selected for the internships are expected to help with the fund-raising necessary to cover the cost of the programme on a 3:1 basis. This should translate into the need to raise approximately \$1000. Interns will also be called upon to follow up their placement by publicizing their experience and encouraging others to get involved.

Les stages en droits de la personne constituent une activité bénévole. Les stagiaires ne recevront donc ni salaire ni crédit académique pour leur travail. La Faculté de droit remboursera le prix du billet d'avion aller-retour entre

Montréal et le lieu du stage, et accordera au stagiaire un montant de subsistance. On demande aussi aux ONG d'aider les stagiaires à se trouver un logement pour la durée de leur séjour.

Candidates will be chosen on the basis of superior writing skills, ability to work in a difficult environment, and a demonstrated interest in international human rights.

Les demandes, comprenant un curriculum vitae et une lettre justifiant votre intérêt pour un stage en droits de la personne, doivent être déposées au Bureau des études de premier cycle (USO) au plus tard le LUNDI 9 FÉVRIER À 16H00. Les candidats sont invités à mentionner dans leur lettre tout intérêt pour un stage spécifique, sur base de la location géographique du stage ou du domaine d'activités de l'ONG. Si nécessaire, des entrevues auront lieu le jeudi 12 février entre 15h30 et 18h30.

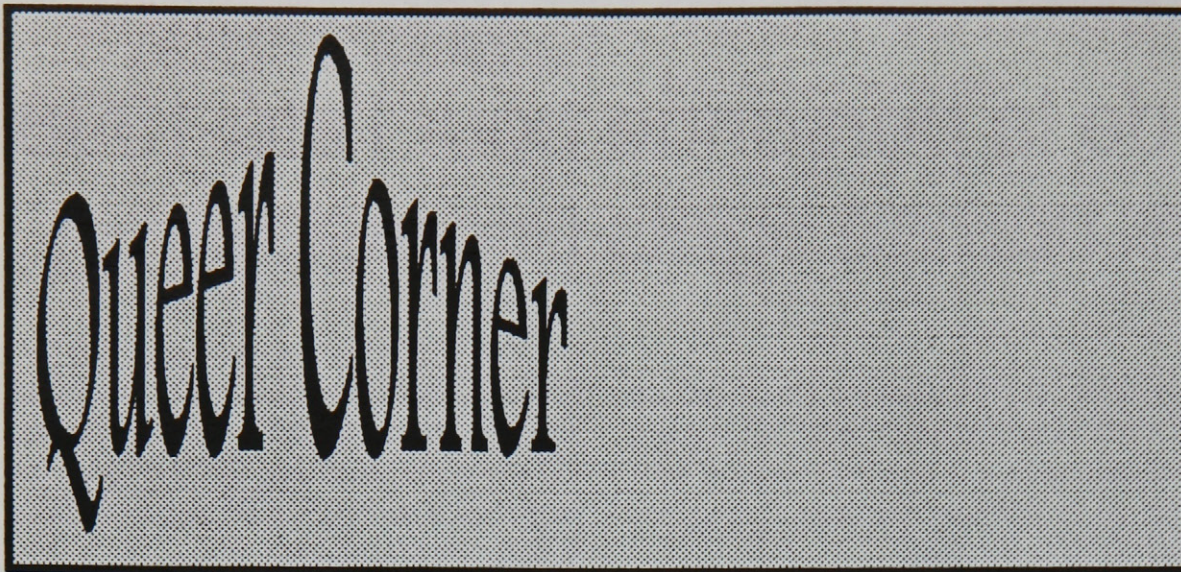
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wise leads me to believe. Because I will be writing the bar in a common law jurisdiction, I am very thankful to be able to gain work experience within a civilian system. As someone pursuing a career in the private sector, I am grateful for the opportunity to obtain academic credit for non-profit community work which I would otherwise undertake as a volunteer. Finally, as a non-Quebecer, I am thankful for the opportunity to get to know this incredible city through the eyes of its long-term residents.

[The Uniquely Queer] For those of us who are lesbian or gay, an internship

The view from a legal clinic

TODD WHARTON
LL B III

The queer topic-of-the-week is an overview of my experience doing my "legal clinic" at Montreal's Lesbian and Gay Legal Information Centre (a.k.a. Centre de services juridiques pour lesbiennes et gais). Though many of us participate, the range of interesting opportunities open to all Faculty students through the legal clinic program often seems like an underworld shrouded in near total mystery. The only information I ever get about legal clinics invariably comes in the form of timely gossip from the few friends I know to be interns. Because this seems to be a very representative phenomenon, I am using this week's column to "come out" about my clinic, and I invite all you other interns to follow suit.

[The Clinic] Through our Legal Clinic course I am spending the entire academic year doing about 8 hours per week with the Centre de services juridiques pour lesbiennes et gais, for which I will receive 6 credits at the Faculty. The Centre was founded several years ago on the initiative of a number of McGill Law students (!) working in conjunction with area legal professionals. The Centre's mission is to offer free legal consultation, referral and information services to all members of the lesbian and gay community. The gamut of

activities undertaken by members of the Centre includes individualized legal research and consultation, the publication of articles intended to make law more accessible to the community («vulgarisation juridique»), customized workshops and court intervention in cases of outstanding community interest.

[What I do] As a stagiaire my responsibilities directly mirror the above listed activities of the Centre. On a day-to-day basis I spend the bulk of my time doing client intake by phone, conducting related research, and then presenting the research results to the client in a meeting supervised by a supervising attorney. I write occasional articles and was recently given responsibility for coordinating the Centre's application for the 1998 Felipa de Souza Award, a prestigious award issued by the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission. Most of the work is done in French and I often work closely with this year's other intern, Stella, a straight-but-not-narrow law student from the University of Montreal.

[The Universal] Being an intern through the legal clinic confers a number of benefits against which most Faculty courses simply cannot compete. Perhaps most important is the affirmation of your own competence. While our horrific marking system does little to bolster one's self-confidence, the reception of my work at the Centre makes me realize that I am far more capable than the Faculty other-

at the Centre goes a long way in compensating for many of the shortcomings of both the city and our faculty. Unlike most major North American cities, Montreal is not blessed with a gay and lesbian bar association. As a two-year member of Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (the San Francisco queer bar), I can safely say that the Lesbian and Gay Legal Information Centre seems to be the closest regional equivalent. The Centre brings together a number of dynamic, out lawyers whose openness is helping to chip away at the stale status quo underlying most of the legal profession. Working with these individuals provides valuable role models and insights which are otherwise largely swept under the rug.

An internship at the Centre has become even more appealing since the inception (last September) of monthly dinners which bring together all the staff, cooperating attorneys, notaries and student interns involved in day-to-day operations. The dinners are usually attended by fifteen to twenty people, and provide an exceptional opportunity to meet and appreciate other active members of the queer legal community. I am thankful to be able to say that these dinners have been amongst the most pleasant evenings I have spent dining in Montreal. From someone as totally gourmand as myself, this is no minor compliment!

More to come from LÉGaLe McGill OUTLaw

NORA BEDNARSKI
LL B III
CO-CHAIR, LÉGaLe McGill
OUTLaw

The new year is finally underway and there is plenty on the go. First of all, it is time to officially announce that the group formerly known as Sexual Minorities and the Law has chosen a new name: LÉGaLe McGill OUTLaw - Les Étudiant(e)s Gais/Lesbiennes en droit à McGill.

The semester is shaping up to be quite exciting in terms of lesbian and gay legal rights developments. Some highlights include:

- a gay couple in Québec is challenging the Civil Code of Québec's opposite-sex requirement for marriage (and there is some confusion and controversy around the decision to challenge provincial rather than federal legislation);

- the Supreme Court of Canada's decision in *Vriend* — the challenge to Alberta's Individuals Rights Protection Act which does not include sexual orientation as a prohibited ground of discrimination — will be released (since the Newfoundland legislature's amendment in December which added sexual orientation to its Human Rights Act, Alberta remains the only province without such protection);

- the same-sex spousal support case *M. v. H.* is going to be heard before the Supreme Court of Canada in March (our group is planning a trip for those interested);

- last but not least, on Wednesday, February 18th, LÉGaLe McGill OUTLaw will be hosting a Panel Discussion on gay and lesbian rights in Canada — speakers include Member of

Parliament Svend Robinson and lawyer Cynthia Petersen (whom some of you saw intervening so eloquently during the *Vriend* case, while on the S.C.C/Ottawa trip)!

I want to briefly focus your attention on an institution that has undeniable impact on social policy and government initiatives in Canada — the census. Data from the census, which is conducted every five years, is applied in the implementation of federal acts, and census information is used in planning programs such as Old Age Security and the Child Tax Benefit, and in the designing of day care centres, schools, senior citizens' homes and other public utilities.

The 1996 Census was the largest ever conducted by Statistics Canada. Although it was designed to create a highly accurate profile of Canada and its people, it made no mention of gays or lesbians, or same-sex families. The census currently makes a distinction between marital status (married, separated, divorced, widowed or single) and common-law status. Those in same-sex relationships have no "choice" but to indicate their marital status as "single".

The 2001 Census Consultation Project is now underway, and Statistics Canada would like input on the formulation of questions for that census. Significantly, StatCan is seriously considering the addition of an option that would enable same-sex couples, if they wish to do so, to identify as being in a couple — instead of the current imposed "option" of identifying as "single".

I would encourage you to show support for this possible change by sending your opinion, before March 31, 1998,

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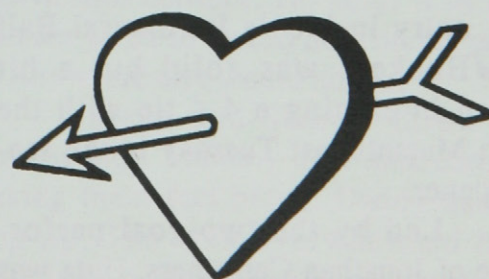
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Members of same-sex couples should be counted too — government policies, many of which exclude gay and lesbian Canadians and their spouses from benefits, should be inclusive and designed to reflect social reality. A census can help measure that reality — but only if its questions afford real choice instead of assimilating identities and denying the existence of gay and lesbian couples

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Valentines Day Quid

The Valentines Box is awaiting your anonymous messages. Hurry! You have until February 9, 3 p.m.



VP External Report

Week of January 26-January 31 1998

MARIO NIGRO
LL B II
LSA VICE-PRESIDENT
(EXTERNAL)

1) Scarlett Key Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the Scarlett Key Society Awards. These awards are given to students who are actively involved in extra-curricular activities and demonstrate strong leadership skills. Students are invited to nominate others or they can nominate themselves. More information on these awards is available at the LSA office and will be posted on the LSA board. In addition, you can contact Alex Johnston in our faculty who will be helpful in answering any questions you may have concerning the awards.

2) SSMU Mini-Courses

The SSMU offers various Mini-Courses in a variety of different areas including ballroom dancing, computer use, bartending, French. Unfortunately, no one at the SSMU informed anyone at our Faculty of the registration date. There may still be some places available if you are interested in taking these courses. You need to go the SSMU office in the Shatner building if you are interested. More information is posted on the LSA board and around the faculty walls.

3) The McGill Sports Complex offers a variety of courses in various different areas. If you are interested note the information posted at the LSA Board.

4) The final date to drop out of the Health Plan for this semester is

February 4. That is the absolute date so make sure you get there before then.

5) Most students have expressed positive feedback concerning our proposal to change our fee relationship with the SSMU. However, some students have expressed concerns. I would like to make sure that councillors have the opportunity to hear and read of these concerns. Therefore any student who has any opinions or ideas concerning this proposal for change is encouraged to e-mail me with their thoughts or provide me a hard copy. I will in return make copies of these ideas, and thoughts in order to insure that all councillors have a copy before we get to the final vote. Need any more information please contact Mario Nigro.

Lionel Hutz Starts Season With Tie

ALLEN MENDELSON
BCL I

Lionel Hutz, the Law Faculty's entry in Men's Intramural Ball Hockey, was solid but a bit uneven in earning a 4-4 tie with the Micro Mutants last Tuesday in the season opener.

Led by the two-goal performance of Jonathan Carruthers, Hutz was able to spread the offence around on the

top three lines. The team did squander a few late chances and might have taken some more shots in a game they easily could have won. They were also hampered by a couple of second half penalties, and a seeming lack of communication on the floor.

Defensively, Hutz played pretty well overall, although several lapses in coverage around their own net turned into quick goals for the opposition. Between the pipes, Damion Stodala held firm. He was especially sharp in the last

minute of the game, stoning a Mutant left alone in front of him to preserve the tie.

The overall balance and talent of the team bodes well for future games, but they will need a more disciplined effort to challenge the league's elite and make some noise in the playoffs.

Montée de lait

MYRIAM BOHÉMIER
NAT IV

Le verglas! Les-vous aussi écoeurés que moi d'entendre parler de la tempête de verglas? J'ai manqué de courant pendant dix jours et quand je me rendais chez des copains qui avaient de l'électricité, il n'y avait pas moyen d'entendre parler d'autres choses que de cet événement à la télévision. J'étais moi-même concernée et j'en avais le ras-le-bol. J'imagine ce que c'était pour ceux et celles qui n'étaient pas directement touchés!

Toutefois, cette tempête nous a permis de nous rendre compte de plein de choses qui ne sont pas aussi apparentes en temps ordinaire. Oui, il y a de la solidarité, mais oui il y a des gens qui abusent du système et des gens qui ont les deux pieds dans la même bottine. Je n'ai jamais compris comment ça se faisait qu'il manquait de couvertures et de brosses à dents dans les centres d'hébergement. Les gens n'étaient pas évacués. Ils ne quittaient pas leur maison en catastrophe et ils avaient la possibilité d'y retourner! Ils pouvaient prendre avec eux leurs couvertures et brosses à dents avant de quitter leur logis. Il me semble que c'est le genre de biens matériels que tous les gens, ou presque, ont à la maison! Je ne peux comprendre davantage ceux et celles qui se plaignaient à la caméra d'avoir tout perdu ce qui était dans leur frigo. Un réfrigérateur qui n'est pas ouvert trop souvent conserve une température froide de 24 à 48 heures. Si la panne dure plus longtemps que ça, tu sors ta bouffe dehors. Il fait froid à l'extérieur! Chez moi, on n'a jeté que la mayonnaise. Je connais des personnes qui allaient chercher des morceaux de glace dehors et les mettaient dans les tiroirs de leur réfrigérateur pour qu'il reste froid. Avec un peu de jugement, on peut limiter

les dégâts.

Des motifs pour chialer, il y en a en quantité ces derniers temps. Est-ce qu'il serait possible d'avoir des photocopieurs qui fonctionnent à la bibliothèque? C'est très chiant de devoir faire la file pendant 20 minutes pour faire photocopier 10 pages parce qu'il n'y a qu'un photocopieur en opération! On a beau les réparer, ils redeviennent hors service après quelques jours à peine. L'argent qu'on paie pour les photocopies pourrait servir à acheter des photocopieurs modernes.

Est-ce que ça serait aussi trop demander de mettre du chauffage dans cette école ailleurs que dans la cafétéria? C'est quand même assez loufoque de voir les étudiants qui arrivent en retard dans le Moot Court, qui enlève leur manteau, leur foulard, leurs gants et puis de les voir tout remettre 20 minutes plus tard parce qu'ils sont gelés. Il y a une fille qui prenait des notes dans l'un de mes cours, gantées, le foulard autour du cou et la tuque sur la tête. Ça commence à être grave.

Finalement, je ne veux pas blâmer la personne qui est en charge des photos de finissants et je ne connais pas toutes les données pour avoir une opinion éclairée. Toutefois, je trouve que les prix pour les photos de finissants sont exorbitants. Au total, j'ai déboursé 130\$ pour 22 photos. Elles sont très belles, j'en conviens, mais on aurait pu avoir la même qualité pour beaucoup moins cher. Une collègue de la faculté m'a dit qu'elle avait déjà été membre du comité de graduation à son CEGEP et que pour 37\$, les étudiants avaient 1 photo 8 1/2 x 11, 4 photos 5 x 7, 8 photos 4 x 5, 24 photos 2 1/2 x 3 1/2 et que la pose était gratuite ainsi que les photos pour l'album, la mosaïque et les photos de groupe. La qualité était la même que les nôtres. Ils étaient 200 personnes à graduer. Je suis d'accord qu'il aurait pu être difficile de trouver un aussi bon prix pour notre faculté qui est très petite, mais je pense que l'on aurait pu avoir quelque chose d'un peu moins cher. Enfin, peut-être que c'est un arrangement pour tout McGill et que la faculté de droit ne pouvait changer de photographe, je ne sais pas. Mais il ne faut pas oublier qu'il y a des gens qui

vivent sur des prêts étudiants et d'autres qui ont peu de moyens dans cette faculté. Il faut penser à ceux et celles qui sont moins bien nantis afin de permettre à tous d'avoir accès à ces récompenses de fin de BAC.

J'ai vidé mon sac pour cette semaine. Ça m'a fait du bien d'en parler, même si je doute que mes récriminations changent quelque chose à ce qui prévaut actuellement dans cette école et cette société. Je vous retrouverai la semaine prochaine avec un sujet plus positif.

Three Gastric Vignettes

MATIAS MILET
LL B II

Puppy's belly bucks; his throat sucks like a pump valve. You pat him to show acceptance as he sulks away, yet he will not believe that it is not shameful. He insists on the corner as the place to regurgitate.



A kid needs to throw up in a high school corridor. He holds it in and runs ten yards so he can do it on his jacket. Anywhere else would not do.

Steph and Sammy threw up often as kids. Mommy then took care of making them feel better. Daddy had to mop up. The reek overwhelmed him every time. Sick to his stomach, he added to what he had to clean.

Intramural soccer

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were attributed to DiBacco and Hollo. This is not to diminish the excellent opportunities created by the "French Connection", David Simon and Cyrille Lesourd. Furthermore, solid play in the back-field by the above, and by Jean-François Gascon (thankfully, a late addition) and Gerry Sklavounos, shut down our opponents' offensive drives. Overall, the ultimate 3-0 victory can be attributed to the strong efforts and sportsmanship demonstrated by all members of the team, and we look forward to similar results when the rest of the squad joins us.

One final note of thanks to our lone fan, Dan Ages, Executive Director In Charge of Everything, Hockey Coach, International Man of Mystery, and all-round busy guy: you really kept us on our toes with your impromptu coaching, cat-calls, and Tommy Hilfiger-like poses. Sincere thanks for taking the time out of an already jam-packed schedule to support the team.

However, a brief word to all other potential super-fans: poor Dan gets lonely on the sidelines because apparently the team won't fraternize with him. To remedy this, we encourage all of you to come out and support the team at our next game, Thursday, February 5th at 8:30 p.m. in the Currie Gym field house. We realize this is after Free Coffee House (a factor which will do wonders for our game plan) but we're counting on as many people as possible to stumble over to the gym on their way to Vertigo and show their support.

P.S. For all indoor soccer and intramural sports players in general, McGill is really cracking down on the I.D. card rule, as we almost learned the hard way, so be forewarned: NO I.D., NO PLAY!

Our dear friend,

Nancy Park

LL.B. '97

your wisdom, intrepid spirit and gentle smile
will be missed by us all.

Your friends and colleagues at the Faculty of Law,
McGill University.

(Memorial service will be held on Monday, February 2, at 11:30 a.m. in the Common Room.)

Thomas More Society is back

MARK SEARL
LL.B. I

How does one define a successful lawyer, identify their roles and responsibilities, and to whom these are owed? And does it mean sacrificing personal principles? So asked Leanne Salel in a *Quid* article last fall on the life of St. Thomas More. This semester, after an absence of several years, the Thomas More Society returns to the task of confronting these and other intriguing questions at the Faculty of Law.

The Thomas More Society is aimed at providing a forum for law students and faculty members who wish to consider the interplay between legal and moral issues, especially as these may arise within the legal profession. Participants in the Society shall meet on a fortnightly basis to discuss papers on contemporary issues relating to law, public policy, ethics and religion.

These papers shall be selected in advance and agreed on by all to be reviewed prior to the meeting in which they are to be discussed. It should be noted that while the Society, in the tradition of St. Thomas More, shall conduct its activities in a primarily Christian context, any law student regardless of denomination is welcome to attend any or all of the Society's meetings and participate actively in discussions.

The Society's first meeting will be held this Wednesday, 4th February, from 12:45 - 2 PM in the Conference Room at 3647 Peel St. (directly across the street from OCDH). Featured at this meeting will be a discussion led by David Stevens on Jean-Marie Cardinal Lustiger's article entitled "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity". Copies of this article will be available before Wednesday from the Society's mailbox located at the LSA office in the Pit. All are invited.